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REQUESTING CONGRESS TO APPROVE A PERMANENT BAN ON INTERNET
ACCESS TAXES.

WHEREAS, congress enacted in 1998 and extended in 2001 the
Internet Tax Freedom Act in order to protect consumers who use
the internet and encourage more individuals to access the
internet; and

WHEREAS, the legislation eliminated taxes on internet
access, double-taxation of a product or service bought over the
internet and discriminatory taxes that treated internet
purchases differently from other types of sales; and

WHEREAS, the moratorium on internet access led to the
rapid growth of the internet, which in turn helped grow the
economy; and

WHEREAS, we live in an age of innovation, where the medium

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1 of the internet is sparking a sharp increase in
2 entrepreneurship and opportunity, the likes of which have not
3 been seen since the industrial revolution; and

4 WHEREAS, enacting a tax on internet access will
5 significantly damage the United States economy and decrease the
6 standard of living for all Americans; and

7 WHEREAS, on September 17, 2003, the United States house of
8 representatives unanimously passed a permanent ban on all
9 internet access taxes; however, when the bill came to the
10 senate floor, pro-internet tax senators used parliamentary
11 procedures to force supporters of the legislation into
12 negotiations; and

13 WHEREAS, opponents of a tax-free internet used the
14 negotiations to stall and stop final passage of a permanent ban
15 on internet access taxes in order to achieve their true desire
16 to tax internet access;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
18 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that congress be requested to approve a
19 clean, permanent and technologically neutral extension of the
20 internet tax moratorium; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the members of the New Mexico's congressional
23 delegation.

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